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ABSTRACT

The invention provides for a putting stroke training device that trains the user to develop a consistent and accurate stroke while allowing the use of a natural, comfortable and consistent stroke. The device has two adjustable arms, each joined to an elevated arch at the "closed end" of the device. Preferably, the elevated arch is of sufficient dimensions to allow a golf ball to travel underneath and through the arch. Each arm may be connected to the elevated arch by a wing nut and screw which can be locked down to set each arm at adjustable angles. A guide ball is affixed to the opposite end of each arm at its "open end." One of the arms is also connected to a vertical marker which shows the user where the golf ball is in the user's stance. The arms may be rotated to open the device to accommodate the width of a putter swinging through the distance between each guide ball on the open ends of the arms. Additionally, the device may provide for means of catching golf balls as they travel under the elevated arch, including a detachable net attached to the elevated arch and extending in a direction opposite the arms to catch balls as they travel through the device and under the arch. The detachable net may be detachably connected on each side of the elevated arch. Additionally, the device may provide for at least one anchor hole in each arm to provide further stabilization of the device by driving tees or some other anchoring means through the device into the ground when the device is used outdoors. The device, when used for practicing a golfer's putting skills, trains the golfer to swing naturally. In the preferred embodiment, the golfer stands in front of the open end of the device with his feet parallel to the ball position marker and putts the ball directly through the opening between the two arms opposite the elevated arch, hitting the ball through the device and underneath the elevated arched end into a detachable net.